

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend paragraph [0004] (page 2, line 20) as follows:

**[0004]** This application ~~is related to~~ claims the benefit of the following application:

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/588,109, entitled, "Secure, Encrypting PIN Pad, filed May 31, 2000, naming James C. Lungaro, Susan W. Tso, Llavanya Fernando and Simon Lee as inventors, with Attorney Docket No. A-68938/MAK/LM and commonly assigned to @pos.com, Inc. Of San Jose, California.

U.S. patent Application No. 09/588,109 is incorporated by reference herein.